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ANDREW A. RIVERA, ESQ.

June 26, 2005

Via E-mail and Hand Delivery

Mayor William D. Euille
301 King Street
City Hall
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille:

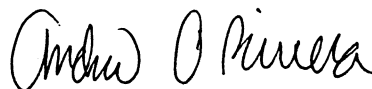
My name is Andrew A. Rivera. My family and I saw you last Saturday at the Juneteenth Festival at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. I am contacting you to respectfully request your vote for my appointment as a member of the Alexandria Human Rights Commission. The Council will vote on the appointment this Tuesday.

I want to serve on the Commission because of my strong belief for racial justice and equal opportunity. My record of public service and accomplishment will serve Alexandria and the Commission well as it seeks to protect human rights throughout the city.

I am a resident of Del Ray and am active in Alexandria City as an attorney and community outreach professional. As a civil rights attorney with the Advancement Project, a non-profit and nonpartisan racial justice organization, I help protect voter's rights and re-enfranchise ex-offenders. In this area, I have the pleasure to work with Jean Niebauer, the Commission's Director and James "Beaver" Green of Alexandria's Virginia CARES.

I hope I can count on your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (703) 548-4335.

Sincerely,



Andrew A. Rivera, Esq.
Attorney at Law

Enclosure: Biography

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Andrew Anthony Rivera, Esq.

Mr. Rivera comes from a politically active family with a strong tradition of public service. His grandfather, Miguel Rivera, ran for public office in the 1950's, pioneering Puerto Rican political participation in New York City. His father, Andrew A. Rivera, is a retired New York City police lieutenant. While a young police officer, Mr. Rivera's father, along with the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, successfully overturned the New York Police Department's police officer height requirements. The discriminatory impact of this policy kept Hispanics and other minorities from entering ranks of the Department.

While growing up in the Bronx in the early 1970s as the oldest of eight children in a family of strong political, education and community interests, Mr. Rivera developed an interest in law and public affairs. His youth activities as a Boy Scout and campaign volunteer gave him a deep appreciation for civic participation and insight into local, national and international affairs. His first career impressions as a Community Organizer and New York City Police Officer convinced Mr. Rivera to become an attorney and advocate on behalf of others.

Prior to entering Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Rivera interned for Queens Assemblyman Ivan C. Lafayette, Speaker Pro Tempore of the New York State Assembly. After graduation, Mr. Rivera entered national politics. He helped organize the 1992 Democratic National Convention and served on the national staff of the 1992 Clinton/Gore campaign. He also campaigned for former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, organizing citywide "get out the vote" activities.

In 1994, Mr. Rivera was appointed by President Clinton to serve in the Clinton/Gore Administration where he worked to advance non-discriminatory home ownership and public housing policies under former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry G. Cisneros. He continued to serve the Clinton Administration in the U.S. Small Business Administration under the leadership of Aida Alvarez until 1999 focusing on "new market" opportunities for disadvantaged small businesses, both in the U.S. and internationally.

After the Clinton Administration, Mr. Rivera became the Director of Government and Public Affairs at the International Youth Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland. He played a pivotal role in an international fundraising campaign called "Children's Hour" which raised funds for national and international youth development programs with the support of corporations including Kellogg's, Pearson, Lucent Technologies, Nike and Group Danone. In the fall of 2000, Mr. Rivera re-entered national politics by leading advance efforts of Vice Presidential candidate, Senator Joseph Lieberman. After the 2000 election, Mr. Rivera consulted for the Democratic National Committee, which led to his appointment as Counsel to the Voting Rights Institute where he played a key role in the adoption of the Help America Vote Act.

Presently, Mr. Rivera is a Senior Attorney with the Advancement Project, a racial justice organization. He also advises business and nonprofit clients with government affairs and develops community advocacy strategies. He is an expert in federal and state election law and campaign finance law. A resident of Del Ray, Alexandria, Mr. Rivera is married to Eileen Cassidy Rivera and the proud father of sons, Andrew Anthony Rivera, III and Kyle Robert Imbach.